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VACANCY CONTROL BATTLE HEADS FOR THE BALLOT

One hundred and two mooths of sileoce from the City's teoant advocates are at an eod with the commeocement, in April, of two separate but related campaigns to achieve a limit on the amount that reots cao be raised oo apartmeots wheo ooe teoant moves out and another moves io (i.e. vacancy cootrol).

The San Francisco Housing and Teoants' Couocil, (SFHTC) a coalitioo of approximately forty citywide organizations, has approved draft language of a vacancy cootrol provision limiting such increases to fourteen perceot. If passed, a vacant apartment reoting for \$500 a month could not reot for more than \$570 upoo change of teoancy, except in certain cases cases where the departing tenant had resided there eight years or more.

Believing that such automatic increases are still excessive, the San Francisco Tenaots' Unioo (SFTU), supported by representatives of such organizations as the petitioner's co-op Electioo Action, the Old St. Mary's Housing Committee (OSM) and members of the North Mission Associatioo voted oo April 20th to circulate a ballot initiative that would permit oo reot increases upoo tenant turnover.

Vacancy control was last tested at the polls in November 1979. It was defeated, but the City's rapidly increasing rents have now exasperated not only teoants but businesses who find it impossible to attract or retain employees. A recent business exodus has not only contributed to San Francisco's record budget deficit, it has cost some home-owning residents their jobs, thus lessening their sympathies with reot-gouging laodlords.

In 1983, theo-Supervisor Queotin Kopp proposed vacancy control legislation with a 14% increase. The measure was passed by the Board of Supervisors, but vetoed by Mayor Dianne Feinstein. With eight votes necessary to overturn the veto, the measure failed because Supervisor Richard Hoogisto abstained from voting, claiming conflict of interest as a landlord. Since that time, Feinstein has been replaced by Art Agnos who promised io his book "Getting Things Done" he would sign vacancy cootrol legislatioo. But Sup. Carol Ruth Silver has become a realtor and joioed Hongisto in absectia... which is, in reality, a pro-landlord positioo... and Kopp and Louise Renne have been replaced by the Feinstein appointees Tom Hsieh and Jim Gonzalez

14% - SFHTC'S "LITE" LEGISLATION

It is widely believed that either Hsieh or Gonzalez would have to be the sixth vote to pass a vacaocy control ordinance. In 1983, Sup. Harry Britt, Willie Kennedy, Weody Nelder, Nancy Walker and Doris Ward supported Kopp's measure. John Molinari and Bill Maher have consisteotly STRIKE ALLEY

Photo by Fuminori Sato



Mission Street, between 21st and 23rd Streets, is experiencing its second major department store strike in a year. Employees of the Department Store Local 1100 are walking the picket lioe against Top Value and Gransons' oo adjacent blocks because of a corporate takeover of these and other stores. The new owners, an out-of-state holdiog company called Lady Atlantic, demanded that retail employees making an average of \$8.50 an hour have their wages cut to \$6.00 and janitors and other personnel making about \$11.00 be cut to \$8.00.

The members, saying "hell oo", have gone out on the picket line. trying to cut wages to pay off the costs incurred in the takeover of what was originally a local firm. The epidemic of corporate mergers and takeovers over the last few years has made a oumber of millionaires, but has forced millions of workers into either pay cuts or unemployment.

The workers at Local 1100 are prepared to face the prospect of the latter in opposition to the former. According to unioo official John Meodez, Lady Atlantic has hired scabs, broken off oegotiatioos and has allegedly vowed to remain oon-unioo "until hell freezes over".

Last year, Local 1100 struck the Newberry's chain, including a store on Mission near Top Value and Granson's. Newberry's finally settled, but the Mission store closed and is to be occupied by Thrifty Jr.

According to Mendez, Thrifty Jr., Walgreen's and Merrill's are union stores. Perhaps those folks who care might give them the business that would otherwise go to the scab estabs.

VACANCY CONTROL continued from page 1

supported landlords and, despite occasional assertions that their sympathies are with the City's embattled renters, the abstentions of Silver and Hongisto are anti-renter votes.

Oo March 29, the SFHTC's convention attracted over 60 tenant activists to the Dorothy Day community center in the Tenderloin. There, after four hours of discussion, the rank and file approved (35-25) a legislative package modeled after a nine point program propounded by OSM (see North Mission News, 2/88). Included in the SFHTC package was a maximum 7% vacancy increase with additional one percent increments for each year that departing tenants resided at any location prior to 1979, inclusion of owner-occupied three and four unit flats and apartments (which cover much of the Mission and are currently not protected), a spreading out of rent increases due to capital improvements, a reduction in the number of syndicate partners able to buy larger buildiogs and evict teoants for their personal use, and other provisions. Such measures are commonly called "Christmas Trees"; the package of high-rise controls which were passed in 1986 as Proposition M is a successful precedent.

The rank and file also voted 38-3 to support registration of all apartments, rather than disclosure, which is taking the landlord at his word that his last tenant paid \$500 rent, not \$200. Under registration, it is harder for landlords to cheat, but City money would be required for enforcement and, while registration would ultimately be financed by the landlords and tenants in the form of a small fee, the initial expenditure could be considered inappropriate in light of the enormous Feinstein deficit.

Late in the mceting, the SFHTC voted to prioritize their package with vacancy control first, and to attempt to negotiate with the landlords and Mayor Agnos before taking the more confrontational steps for legislation or initiative action.

During the meetings with Agnos, the landlords and the realtors, a counter proposal was made by the latter in the form of a self-inflicted apartment tax to finance subsidized housing. Although the revenues would be far less than the increased rents that they could collect through the abandonment of a vacancy control campaign, the offer impressed Agnos enough that he suggested that the SFHTC modify their proposal to be more acceptable to the landlords, the wavering supervisors and, presumably, the voters.

On April 12 the SFHTC, with less than half those present at the March 29th meeting in attendance, substantially modified the Vacancy Control package, deleting all other OSM concerns and raising the landlords' vacancy bonus to Kopp's original 14% (an actual increase of 18-21% when the existing yearly allowable rent increases are factored in) plus the one percent for year for long term tenants.

They also decided that, if the Supervisors voted down this proposal, they would promote a stronger vacancy control measure, reducing the 14% to 8%.

Io the past two weeks, the process was explained to neighborhood monthlies such as the North Mission News, efforts have been undertaken to

win the support of neighborhoods, business, labor and the public and preparations are under way for an intensive lobbying campaign.

NO INCREASE - THE SFTU'S "JOLT" INITIATIVE

The S.F. Tenants' Union, which had unsuccessfully urged the SFHTC to put Vacancy Control on the ballot in 1984, 1986, 1987 and June of 1988, withdrew from the larger organization early this year and began holding meetings and polling tenant activists to assess the depth of both support for an initiative and to what extent landlords should be rewarded for their tenants' departure, whether voluntary or induced.

Finding grass roots support for a tough measure (and bolstered by members of other organizations who believe the SFHTC proposal is too soft on landlords, they approved a measure that will clearly give voters an opportunity to adopt a tough and simple motion, not unlike that offered growth control supporters by Prop. F in 1985. And now, as then, it would not be surprising if some (voters or politicians) who support the SFHTC proposals find the SFTU plan too severe.

As in the SFHTC meetings, issues facing the two dozen representatives attending centered around registration, the amount of increase, the "Christmas Tree" tenant protection jettisoned by SFHTC and whether to propose one or two measures.

David Spero of the North Mission Association saw registration as "a bottom line issue", but it also was attacked as giving the landlords an excuse to make bureaucracy, not evictions and high rents, a campaign issue. "I would rather see something weak out there," stated Cary Gold of the SFTU. "Then we can amend it." Registration was narrowly rejected.

A proposal to circulate two initiatives, one conforming to terms acceptable to the SFHTC, the other containing more controversial items such as registration, lower percentages and possibly some of the Christmas Tree ornameots also failed. Proponents stated that a moderate, but more pro-renter initiative than the SFHTC legislation should be coupled with a second, overt and tough measure that would educate people even if it did not succeed. But Stony Gebert and Lee Goland of Election Action advised against alarming or confusing voters. "We should lower our sights to grasp what is more certainly in our grasp," Gebert said. "We don't want," Goland added, "to come off looking flaky."

"You know how people are about voting," said Gold. "Too many choices, forget it!"

She then submitted a counter-proposal prepared with attorney Bob DeVrics of the SFHTC which modified that body's 14% figure to a sliding scale based on inflation rates with a minimum of 8% on tenants' departure, or 12% to 21% per year.

After the one percent increase for long term tenants was defeated by a single vote, Gold's motion was defeated. A substitute motion, permitting no increases on vacant apartments was passed on a close vote.

The Tenants' Union proposal is scheduled to be ratified by the community on Saturday, May 7th. This meeting is open to all San Francisco renters who endorse the concept that a vacancy control initiative can pass.

-by Brian Doohan

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AMORY PROJECT'S CURIOUS TWISTS

by Victor Miller

A massive asbestos clean up problem and a corporate resbuffling of for profit investors have further complicated plans to develop the Mission Armory as a film studio.

The original plan to rehabilitate the old National Guard Armory at 14th and Mission St. was set in motion nearly two years ago by then Assemblyman Art Agnos when the Armory was put up for bid by the State of California. Greg Snazelle Films who won the option to buy the property with a high bid of \$2.7 million, agreed as a condition of purchase to enter into a development agreement with twelve Mission non-profit organizations that had come together to form the Mission Armory Foundation or MAF. MAF, through a 1.6 million grant of federal urban development funds was to have acquired title to the land on which the building sits, (in effect becoming Snazelles landlord,) and exercise some degree of control over project management.

In December of 1987 such an agreement was signed by both MAF and Snazelle. After seemingly endless byzantine negotiations, the way looked clear for Snazelle to finally exercise his option and buy the building. The first roadblock occurred after an engineering report revealed the Armory had a very bad asbestos problem with clean up costs estimated at up to \$2 million dollars. Snazelle bas now appealed to the state to lower his original bid by the amount of the costs of the removal of the asbestos. But the state has for some unexplained reasons decided to conduct its own study of the asbestos situation in the Armory and then undertake the clean up process itself. Given the usual amount of time taken for governments to conduct studies and the astronomically larger amount of time that it takes governments to act on those studies, the prospects of a film studio in the Mission by the cnd of the century are indeed gloomy, if the state is allowed to proceed with this scenario. At the March meeting of the Mission Armory Foundation, member organizations were unanimous in agreement that all possible political pressure should be brought on the state to reconsider its decision but the main topic of the meeting was the apparent departure of Gregg Snazelle as a major player in the Armory

At the December, 1987 meeting of the Mission Armory Foundation, Snazelle had introduced J. Stanley Mattison an investment banker with the firm Mattison and Shidler, as the "man who can make the project work", i.e., Mattison could put together the rehab money Snazelle had thus far failed to secure. In March MAF board members received notice that Greg Snazelle was now a limited partner in a general partnership set up by Mattison to oversee the entire Armory project. Mattison followed this up with a written proposal to MAF that would effectively minimize all community involvement in the project and allow for a complete phase out of MAF participation in three years. The financial return on MAF's \$1.6 million invested in the project was significantly reduced and any question of a community role in project management was ruled out. The original agreement tortuously worked out with Snazelle over a period of 18 months was not even mentioned. One board member called the proposal "a return to the Pliocene era." Other board members were less charitable and unprintable in their assessment of Mr. Mattison's attempt to eat them alive. Hard negotiations and frayed tempers lie ahead.

Where does all this leave us? At sea. The state owns the Armory and will not let it go until the asbestos is out. When the state does sell, what will the price be and to whom will it sell? Snazelle holds the option to buy but according to the Mattison proposal, it will be an entity controlled by J. Stanley Mattison that is to be the owner. The \$1.6 million dollars in federal funds, ear marked for MAF investment in the Armory are still being beld by the City with the exception of a few hundred thousand dollars in pre-development costs for which Snazelle agreed to reimburse MAF (about this said reimbursement Mr. Mattision has remained tactfully mute.) All permits for the building, approved in Dec. of 1987 have been issued to the Mission Armory Foundation. Without these permits the Armory is just a pile of bricks. The Armory building itself sits and waits, like old man river it must know somethin' but it don't say nuthin'.



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Como nota del dia vale la pena no perder de vista el sentido de pueblo

Pueblo herido alla, dondo naci y pueblo herido aqui, en donde soy

Cociendo las habas aqui encontre lo que es querido pueblo...otra vez

Las raices atraviesan la tierra...

La tierra pá lla va pá lla va papaya pal gato amigo herrera papaya con raiz en san pancho y en sanjo

Raiz en los huesos, en 5 de Mayo raiz con huesos pá la madre tierra pá que se cosa la cosa... y le de de comer al animal jadeante

Las raices atraviesan la tierra iComo no!

y al que no le quste...ya sabe...

A mi que me esculquen un ojo de la cara

El ajo es viejo la cebolla es compañera y el aullido aauuuuuuuuuuuhh... lo que es canla fina

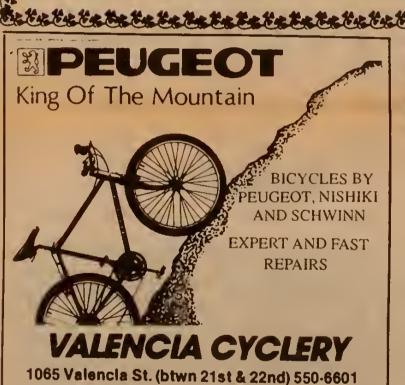
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By: Nick Hornsfelt

The ozone is dissolving; oxygen-producing rain forests are being replaced by briefly-to-be styrofoam wrapped burgers on the hoof; there are college seniors who can't read this paragrapb; Washington flexes flab in Central America while Central America smuggles tons of cocaine into the U.S. (now ask yourself, who has the more effective army); the ACLU insures scabby, ragged, starving masses of schizophrenics their constitutional right to slowly die before our eyes, living free in the streets; nothing is parts-and-assembly "Made in the USA" anymore; there is a growing fear that the only safe water is bottled water; unfortunately there is no such thing as bottled sex; the Republicans are crooked; the Democrats are incompetent; there's yet further proof that Pentecostal preachers aren't much different from the people they so loudly condemn to hell (in the words of Gomer Pyle "Surprise, surprise, surprise!"); we're living on a fault line; the rent is due and people bave the nerve to accuse me of being cranky!

When was the last time YOU went to an "Up With People" concert? Baked anyone a cake lately? When was the last time you did your Christian duty and yelled at a wino passed out on the sidewalk "Shape up fool or you're gonna die like vermin in the gutter!"? Did you call your Mom this week? Well, if you baven't done something to brighten the corner where you are don't complain.

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Personally, I made Mom a cake this week with "Shape up you fool or you're gonna die like vermin in the gutter!" written in pink icing on top (why not kill two birds with one cake). I was going to get her tickets to an "Up With People" concert but Mom suffers from "low gag reflex".

All the attention on Mom is because of the great pagan festival of fertility, Mother's Day! When it comes to family relationships a good rule of thumb is to ask yourself "Would I huy this bum a beer if we weren't related?" and then act accordingly, except when it comes to Mom.

To quote Joni Mitchell (AAARRGGHH!! He's quoting Joni Mitchell!) anyone can "hurry to the darkness and the blankets to lay down an impression" but it's the woman who gets to keep the most lasting impression. In some areas it seems as though having a baby has become a rite-of-passage for girls; in my day "getting pinned" meant something totally different.

As always, if mother is unable to handle the situation or she just wants to finish junior high, grandma or aunt so-and-so will become Mom and raise the child. Have you ever met anyone brought up by grandpa or uncle (don't believe those Pacific Bell commercials!)? Besides, there's not much pathos in saying "My grandfather worked 12 hours a day scrubhing floors and taking in washing so we could have food on the table and roof over our heads." It just sounds kinky.

Sooner or later, most of us come to realize our very existence is due to "an accident" "a mistake" or "simple carelessness". The lucky ones figure it out for themselves without having some rude person tell them. This information is the first step in understanding the subtle difference between "having" a child and "raising" a child.

We all show up as uninvited relatives, bungry, messy and demanding that Mom be a gracious bostess from day one. Mothers are human and it is not so rare for them to find it all more than they can take. Making the choice between abusing a child or bailing out requires a hrand of courage the male of the species knows little about.

At the end of a century or world war, economic expansion, economic collapse, scientific strides, mechanized atrocities, whole nations and peoples wiped out, and populations exploding in lands of famine; anyone who thinks Mom is June Cleaver needs their bead examined; Mom is every woman doing a job in factories, schools, unions, offices, churches, farms, bospitals and government, she is homeless in the streets and at home in the board-room.

How do we explain love? It isn't cards and poetry; you don't have to really like a person in order to care; absence, in fact, makes the heart grow fonder but you don't necessarily have to become overly emotional; and face it, for better or worse the great woman-goddess Mom we bave all known at some point in our lives, made ber mistakes (possibly you being one of them) and bas had her good times (possibly you being one of them) and for better or worse Mom-grandma-aunt will always be that very undeniable part of each of us, woman or man.

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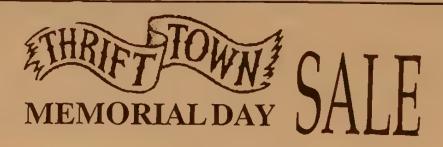


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In the 4 square block area surrounding the 16th St. Bart Station crime incident reports rose from 1594 in 1986 to 2173 in 1987, a 36% increase and incident reports in the area bounded by Duboce, 15th St., Dolores and Valencia, which includes Valencia Gardens increased from 682 in 1986 to 921 in 1987, a 35% rise. In these two districts the line is simply not being held by traditional law enforcement methods and community crime prevention programs are beginning to organize as both residents and businesses perceive the situation becoming more and more intolerable. At present the prospect of an immediate solution to the problem is bloak, due in part to years of indifference from city hall and the question of how dwindling public resources will be allocated.

The crime rise in the 16th St. Bart Plaza and surrounding area can be viewed, in part, as a memento of the Feinstein era. The former Mayor's much publicized clean up of the Tenderloin was nothing more than the displacement of a crime problem, from an area of high tourism to an area of low tourism. Unfortunately the Mission has inherited the problem at a time when the threat of budget cuts and lay offs may mean a decline in police manpower at Mission Station. One target of public anger has been the BART Police, an organization which seems totally concerned with turnstyle jumpers and eigarette smokers beneath the surface, but bas no physical presence or plan of action for the street level plazas for which the

BART has statutory responsibility.

The Valencia Gardens Housing Projects are like many other city housing projects, in the midst of Crack Wars as rival gangs fight it out for control of a deadly but highly lucrative market. At the same time low federal funding levels for building maintenance accelerated decline in the physical condition of Gardens making the big bucks to be made in Huba hustling seem more attractive to young people who see the projects as a deteriorating dead end. Michael Kelley of the S.F. Housing Authority admits that a \$5 million rehab budget is what's needed each year city wide but the current budget is only \$2 million and will run out in 2 month. At the same time, The Housing Authority Police are being gradually phased out. This will create an increased burden on the Mission Station which may also be cut back in manpower as a result of the city's budget deficit. Jim Buick, the executive director of the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council bas said that although there has been no decision to reduce the police budget, it would be "miraculous" if there were no reductions.

When the cuts come the problem of how limited resources are divided up among the city's police districts will be decided by Chief of Police Jordan and the Police Commission. In order to inform themselves as to what Mission residents see as police priorities, as well as lobby support for keeping the Missions district's cut of the budget pie at least it's current size. Mission Station Police Captain Michael Brusb and Community Relation Officer Larry Ratti have begun to hold regular monthly meetings with a wide range of business and neighborbood organizations. Since the Mission Police district includes both Noe Valley and Twin Peaks these meetings bave been broad in scope, with topics ranging from Carnaval to electrical emissions from the Sutro Tower. Hopefully, a unified strategy for crime reduction will be worked out between participating organizations and the police that will include Valencia Gardens and 16th St.

A much more specific approach is being undertaken on May 26 when St. John's Parrish and representatives of Project SAFE, (a non-profit crime prevention group), will meet at St. John's Episcopal Church, (15tb and Julian), at 7 PM to begin block by block organization of neighborhood crime prevention groups. These block organizations will, theoretically, serve to make people living in residential streets more aware of who their neighbors are and who their neighbors aren't, hasically a neighborhood watch organization that will include education on personal safety and home security.

A similar program is underway in Valencia Gardens.

A second group with specific focus is a recently formed association of 16th St., area businesses and non-profit organizations, including Far West Lahs, Mission Neighborhood Health Center, Walgreens and the North Mission Association, has held two preliminary meetings aimed at handling the unique problems posed by crime at the Bart Plaza and along the 16th St. commercial strip. Suggestions to reducing crime proposed by members of this group have included a police kiosk at 16th and Mission, better street lighting on side streets and creating a strong coalition of businesses and institutions to turn around the sleaze and violence trend on the street.

The results of these grass roots attempts to deal with what many Mission residents feel is the neighborhoods number one problem are yet to be seen. That these efforts are taking place at a time of a double digit crime rise in the target areas and a city budget crisis makes any meaning-

ful solution both more difficult and more important.



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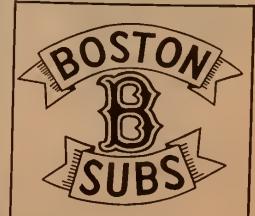


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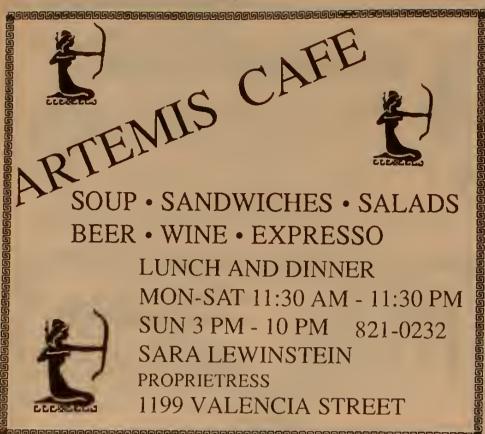
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- by Betsy Randolph



INTIMATE CONVERSATION

On Sunday, April 10, three women sat at a small table on stage at the New Performance Gallery on 17th Street. A crowd of sixty or so took their seats in the late afternoon heat. They had come to hear Naomi Newman, Deena Metzger and Susan Griffin hold an "intimate conversation" on ecofeminism entitled, "Natural Imagery and the Artist."

Naomi Newman is a singer, actress and director. She is also a founding Member of A Traveling Jewish Theatre, which presented her one-woman play, "Snake Talk: Urgent Messages form the Mother" at the Climate Theatre this April.

Newman introduced Deena Metzger as her friend of several years, and as author of a novel on Arab Culture, three books of poetry, and Writing for Your Life: Imagination, Creativity and Healing.

New met Susan Griffin in San Francisco in 1980. Once, when Newman remarked that Griffin's book, Women and Nature, was "the seminal book for ecofeminists," Griffin had corrected, "Ovular." Griffin has also written a recent book of poems, Unremembered Country, and two works of prose, including the forthcoming, A Woman Thinks About War.

Newman set out a rough agenda for the afternoon. Griffin would give a brief history of ecofeminism: all three would offer "conversations that apply" to ecofeminism; and then they would open the session for audience questions.

The term ccofeminism, according to Griffin, was coined by a French feminist in 1974, in the book, Feminisme ou Mort. Griffin also cited Anestia King's Ecology and Feminism, Feminism and Ecology, and Simone de Beauvoir's The Second Sex as sources for contemporary ecofeminism.

But what is "ecofeminism"? Griffin described it as a "new way of looking at the earth...as if matter and spirit were not opposed, as if man and woman were not split by hierarchy." She stressed that ecology is not something "out there." It is part of us, and we of it. Metzger offered that it was both a means of critique and a way for us to know ourselves better. For her, ecofeminism is not just a paradigm shift, but also a spiritual practice requiring concentration and attention.

The "conversations that apply" were a fascinating example of how these women commented on each other's work and related their own experiences. One instance of their passing an idea around the table particularly sticks in my mind.

Newman mused on the question of what happens to us when we "destroy our sources'--when our society behaves compulsively and we forget our roots and relationships in the pursuit of addictions. She considers truth to be very physical. "If you start to lie to yourself, your body will tell you." She objected to being taught to treat one's body "mechanistically."

On the subject of lies and truth, Metzger responded by saying that, "The authentic is satisfying. The inauthentic is never satisfying. We cut ourselves off from the sacred, and then we hunger for it."

Griffin was reminded of the "habitual practice of our culture: We replace actual experience with the idea of experience." She emphasized the major concept of ecofeminism, which is the connectedness of everything. The "disassociation process" is enormous and prevalent in the world; whereas when we start connecting, we approach the truth.



NAOMI NEWMAN

Metzger said it was not even so much connecting as <u>re-connecting</u>, that was important. Connections are natural and vital; disassociation "violates us."

One woman from the audience found a puzzling paradox between "boundaries and boundlessness." Connectedness presented a sort of dilemma. "How can one be both discrete and unified?" Metzger responded that discrete units and diversity are fundamental, from and ecological point of view. "We're not talking about uniformity; we're talking about interdependency. Insist on the other, yet keep and know a sense of self."

This "intimate conversation" process demonstrated, over the course of an afternoon, why these three women were sitting around the same table. They were brought together by shared connections -- around the women's movement, the peace movement, artistic creation, and healing work. The distinction between "discussion", which connotes more of an outline format and linear progression, and "conversation", which allows an interplay of voices, is an important one. We learn in a different way from conversation. And judging from a fruitful Sunday afternoon in April we should do more of it.

PROSTITUTION NOT VICTIMLESS FEMINIST SAYS



A presentation by ex-prostitute and feminist activist Sarah Wynter was the bigh point of "Strategies For Stopping Pornography and Prostitutioo" a conference beld at Laney College in Oakland in March. The conference was sponsored by W.O.A.P.P. (Women Organizing Against Pornography and Prostitution). Over 100 people attended. The 12 speakers, who came from as far away as New York, dealt with many types of sexual abuse against womeo and children but the main topics were pornography and prostitution.

Members of Coyote, (a San Francisco based prostitutes rights organization) handed out flyers to protest the theme of the conference. They said the conference's condescending attitudes about prostitutes encourage political scape-goating.

Sarah Wynter turned out to be the most controversial of all the speakers. Ms. Wynter was interrupted early in her presentation by Priscilla Alexander and another Coyote member who asked that her lecture format be changed to a discussion so that their view could be represented. Ms. Wynter refused and with the support of conference organizers the disturbance was quelled.

Ms. Wynter is the founder of W.H.I.S.P.E.R., (Women Hurt Io Systems of Prostitution Engaged in Revolt), a collective of women who are or have been prostitutes. She is also the editor of WHISPER's newsletter, which is published in N.Y.C. and available through subscription.

According to Ms. Wynter, the average age for entry into prostitution is 16, and most prostitutes have previously suffered sexual abuse or hattering. (This claim is supported by San Francisco Delancey Street Foundation's surveys). Ms. Wynter observed that most prostitutes have pimps at some, if not all times; therefore the pattern for these women is one of abuse by men, which often starts in the family at childbood. Ms. Wynter said these women then suffer emotional and physical abuse as a result of being a prostitute. Yet, women who work in prostitution are blamed for heing complicit in sexual ahuses or hattering done to them.

Ms. Wynter stated that other theories of prostitution have ignored the fact that women are oppressed under patriarchy. Consequently the nature of prostitution is not voluntary hecause prostitutes have or perceive themselves as having little choice in their lives. Wynter added that although some women may exist who are not tangihly trapped in prostitution by pimps or drug addiction, they are asmall minority, in no way representative of most prostitutes.

Ms. Wynter contended that prostitution is not a victimless crime but a crime against women done by men. Ms. Wynter stressed that because prostitutes themselves are the victims, they should not be legally penalized for their collaboration in an exploitative institution. But pimps and customers who are profiting or exploiting women for the use of their bodies should be prosecuted.

Sarah Wynter's viewpoint is the most radically feminist in that she challeoges the presumed male right of sexual access to any female, (and by any female, to all females). She maintains that paying a woman does not make it ethical or consensual.

Aside from working in W.O.A.P.P., Ms. Wynter has put ber experieoce to use and her theory to the test hy working with the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women. She insures that the existing programs for battered women are sensitized to the needs of prostitutes so that none of these women will he refused services. She is concerned that if shelters separate services for prostitutes from services to other women, the quality of the services will be unequal.

Ms. Wynter remarked that in most areas, there are virtually no programs or services for women who are trying to escape prostitution. Facilitating this transition requires legal, logistical and employment needs be met. Social Services offices are only prepared to recommend therapy. Due to isolation and stress, many prostitutes do drugs or have drug babits. Yet most drug rehabilitation programs emphasize chemical dependency as the source of all problems. For a women caught in an abusive lifestyle, drug abuse may be an adaptation to ber situation, hence a symptom or additional complication of that lifestyle.

As a voice for women who have felt exploited by prostitution, Sarah Wynter bad emerged as an insightful new leader, unafraid to take the controversial stand: that what is best for women is often not in men's interest.

The all day conference also featured Esther Cancella a mental health professional and consultant on child Abuse Therapy. Feminist lawyer and author Catbarine MacKinnon spoke on the Minneapolis Anti-Pornography Civil Rights Law, an ordinance she co-authored with Andrea Dworkin in 1984. Local activist Carol Leigh attended the conference and expressed hopes of establishing common ground in the fight for prostitutes' civil rights. The conference was funded in part hy a grant from the Skaggs Foundation. W.O.A.P.P. would like to expand their memhership and can be contacted at P.O. Box 20328, Oakland, CA 94620.





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A SONG FOR PEACE

By: Norma Del Rio

In times when many people are following closely all the events in Central America, A SONG FOR PEACE IN NICARAGUA, Lichi Fuentes's concert, will express the hope of Latin American people for peace in Nicaragua.

Lichi Fuentes, a Latin American New Song singer, will perform at the Victoria Theater, 2961 16th Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, May 21st at

Lichi, who studied music at the University of Chile in Santiago, is one of the finest Latin American singers in the Bay Area.

She has sung and played for several years with Grupo Raiz, a Latin American musical ensemble. Lichi traveled with them to Europe and Central America as well as all over the United States. She has shared the stage with such prominent North American singers as Ronnie Gilhert, Pete Seeger and Holly Near.

Lichi has heen leading music classes and workshops at La Pena, sponsored by the California Arts Council. She has also sung at benefits for many solidarity organizations in the area. Last year, Lichi participated in the 3rd "Encuentro del Canto Popular" in San Francisco.

In 1987, Lichi was honored by the Women's Foundation as a "Woman of Note" for her contributions to the cultural life of the Bay Area com-

principal singer and guitarist. She will present a repertoire of songs hy noted composers from the New Song Movement in Latin America. She will he accompanied hy a group of three women playing folkloric and classical instruments.

Lichi Fuentes started her career in Chile in 1978, with Grupo Amanda. This group of women interpreted the Chilean New Song. In 1980, she hecame active in the "Canto Solidario Movement" (Solidarity Song), a cultural movement that emerged as a result of the national crisis after the military coup that overthrew Allende's government.

Lichi recalled that after the coup people were afraid to talk about politics hecause nohody knew who was part of the government. As the resistance grew, musicians started to write lyrics filled with metaphors that disguised the political message.

In 1980, Lichi was visiting a sister in San Jose, California, when Pinochet's government closed the universities in Chile. Since that time, she has been an active cultural worker in the Bay Area.

A SONG FOR PEACE IN NICARAGUA is a hencfit for Macstros Por La Paz, (Teachers For Peace). The profits will he used to provide scholarships for brigadistas who will be teaching English in Nicaragua this summer.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Advance ticket sales at Modern Times and Bookworks in San Francisco and at La Tienda at La Pena, Berkeley. Call 863-3778 for information.

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OPENS PRODUCTION OF POWERFUL LATIN AMERICAN PLAYS IN JUNE

The Julian Theatre, San Francisco's gutsy and respected community-based professional theatre company, has returned to the neighborhood where the group began, with an ambitious program of its own productions and some of the best live theatre, dance and music available in the Bay Area.

The Julian opened its new era as
Resident Theatre Company in New
College of California's 777 Valencia
Street Center in January to very strong
reviews for its premiere of the intergenerational play CONVERSATIONS OF
MY MOTHERS, before touring the play to
Sonoma and Marin counties.

For its second "new home" production, the company will present a new version of its 1974-75 success, DOCUMENTS FROM HELL - four powerful short plays by Colombia's Enrique Buenaventura, in completely new translations by Maruja Cid of San Francisco. Julian artistic director Richard Reineccius and West German-born Marghitta Urias will direct the plays, which explore, in both comic

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NEW COLLEGE VALENCIA ST CENTER



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Top: Christopher Beck & Co. dancers

Below: The multi-talented Clubfoot Orchestra, five of whom will play live for COMMUNITY.



Clubfoot and Christopher Beck join to create COMMUNITY

Community is the title of the major May event at the new Julian Theatre at New College. Community is an exciting new performance collaboration between the Clubfoot Quintet from Clubfoot Orchestra and Christopher Beck & Company, the resident dance group at New College.

Performances of Community are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. May 5 - 7, 12 - 14 and 19 - 21. The New College/Julian Theatre is at 777 Valencia Street (between 18th and 19th Sts.) in San Francisco.

Since 1975 Christopher Beck & Company have been stimulating Bay Area audiences with their powerful expressionistic work. Their Theatre of dreams has been praised by the Baltimore Sun as "go-for-broke dramas told in movement." The choreography is by Christopher Beck, who has recently received his fourth Choreographer's Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. The San Francisco Chronicle said Beck has "a sense of Theatre that is stunning." The Examiner called his "one of the most provocative choreographic sensibilities in the Bay Area." For Community Christopher Beck & Company consists of 18 performers ranging in age from 4 months to 63 years. The youngest performer appears with her mother, who danced pregnant in the October performances of Christopher Beck & Company.

The Clubfoot Quintet consists of five musicians from the Clubfoot Orchestra, which recently premiered its new score to the silent film classic The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari. The Caligari performances were a great hit at the Mill Valley Film Festival and at subsequent showings at the Roxie Cinema in San Francisco and also in Berkeley and Los Angeles. San Francisco Focus called Clubfoot's music "a sweetly insane mix of jazz, rock, ethnic and film soundtrack."

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The Clubfoot Quintet plays live for these performances, playing a new score composed specifically for <u>Community</u> by Clubfoot director Richard Marriott. Marriott also wrote the music for <u>The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari</u>. The musicians of the Clubfoot Ouintet are Dave Barrett, Beth Custer, Bob Lipton, Richard Marriott and Gino Robair. They will be playing saxophones, brass, clarinet, shakuhachi, percussion, marimba, tuba, bass and keyboards.

Community explores some of the ways in which people connect and fail to connect. It points toward the need to struggle for the awareness, understanding and commitment to create real community. To frame and give context to the human dilemmas depicted, the piece includes images from the world of nature, both microcosmic and macrocosmic.

There are also sets and props created by East Bay visual artist Anne Busse to reflect the strength and fragility inherent in contemporary ideas of community. Costumes have been designed and constructed by Karen Hampton, an innovative Oakland weaver and textile and fashion designer. Lighting for Community is by Holly Charlton.

Tickets for Christopher Beck & Co/Clubfoot Ouintet performances of COMMUNITY are \$10 general admission and \$7 low income. Further information and reservations are available by phoning The Julian Theatre Box Office: 626-8986.

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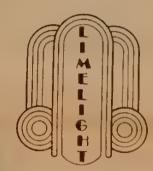
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BUT ARE THEY HAVING FUN?

Harris, in a fiery address to those gathered at the LA forum on the arts, said we have a big problem in making the public think they'll enjoy themselves at the theatre or at a concert. "The perception that people go to the arts out of duty or guilt rather than for enjoyment is rampant," he said. "The survey shows that 69% of Americans think that people who go to a sports event enjoy the experience, while only 29% think that people enjoy an arts event. This is a serious PR problem!"

By every measure, the arts have penetrated the life and lifestyles of most Americans. By the same token, only a minority are aware of that fact, and that fact costs the arts dearly.

-- Lou Harris, from AMERICANS AND THE ARTS V

Another section of the survey report shows that American households owning Video Cassette Recorders rose by 234% In the past three years - 55% of homes now have a VCR. But Harris and his staff are quick to point out that these "evil machines" are owned in far greater numbers by people who attend the arts than by those who don't. They believe, in tact, that cassette recordings could be a saleable item for artists and organizations -- that even local productions or exhibits, If well taped, could become an item on the shelves of local video stores.



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AMERICANS AND THE ARTS

What kind of people go to the arts? What kinds of arts do people want --and where do they want them?

by Richard Reineccius

(the author recently attended a forum on the arts in America in Los Angeles, conducted by American Council lor the Arts, and featuring an address by national pollster Louis Harris. Harris' company recently completed their tifth national survey of the public's attitudes on arts and artists, AMERICANS AND THE ARTS V. The information for this article is based on that survey.)

A couple months ago, an all-arts newspaper, ACCOLADES FOR THE ARTS, ceased publication in San Francisco. Less than a year old, the paper had been subsidized by a start-up grant from SF Hotel Tax receipts, with sizeable grants following from local foundations. It contained an extensive calendar of arts events for the month along with articles, and was distributed free door-to-door in the affluent neighborhoods of Pacific Heights, Sea Cliff and St. Francis Wood, and in some of the City's more posh suburbs. Bundles were dropped off at theatres and galleries in other parts of fown, and in some of the more obvious public places such as bookstores and cotfeehouses.

While we must mourn the death of any publication that attempts to "put more asses in seats," as theatre marketers are fond of saying, the pattern of distribution of the paper reflected the belief that the bulk of theatre and other arts audiences come from among the more affluent members of society - that only when people are past providing themselves and their households with basic living comforts, when they have ample "discretionary income," do they go out to consume culture.

But is this true? Is the audience at a San Francisco theatre or gallery, or even at the opera, predominantly upper middle class and white?

Louis Harris and Associates' 1987 AMERICANS AND THE ARTS survey shows that, when scientifically surveyed, the pattern of attendance at live arts is quite broad and multi-cultural.

I've selected two income groups (representing total household income, not individuals) for comparison - ot \$15,001 to 25,000 (below middle), and \$35,001 to



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\$50,000. The following table shows the percentage of Americans in each of those income groups who attended, once or more, various kinds of arts events.

ype of Event:	\$15-25,000	\$35-50,000
Avant-garde music	16%	26%
Classical Music	28%	37%
Opera-Musical Theatre	25%	36%
Art Museums	57%	61%
Live Theatre	65%	78%

So, while the table shows there indeed is a higher percentage of the higher income public going to the arts, it's not that much higher in most cases. There's a slightly smaller audience for all the arts in the under \$15,000 households, and significant numbers in households with less than \$7500 annual income (46% of people in households with under \$15,000 income went to live theatre last year, compared to 65% of all households). The rate of going is lower, but the numbers of lower income people is so much greater -- there are more of us.

Racially, the survey had some surprises. Of the adult population, the following percentages attended these two types of performances:

Avant-garde music:	Live Theatre:
Blacks - 27%	Whites - 66%
Whites - 19%	Blacks - 58%
Hispanice - 16%	Hispanias 579

Nof a really great difference in the live theatre rates of attendance, and a fairly high rate of avant-garde music-going among Black Americans.

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THE BACK PAGE of THE NEW DRAMATIC CHRONICLE

Special Events of The Julian and others, and for the expression of opinions. The solicit thoughtful articles from those with whom we agree, and will even consider thoughts, in the form of letters to the editor or other form -- short essays, poems, drawings, anything that will print. We reserve the right to edit, and to reply.

The Julian Theatre staff conducted an exhaustive search for a new location before locating at New College s 777 Valencia Street Center. Here Director Richard Reineccius looks at a structure in Sonoma County, later rejected by the Board of Directors.



BUSY YEAR AT THE JULIAN'S NEW HOME -- from p.1

and dramatic modes, the lives of ordinary people in societies ruled by force and deprivation.

Besides its own productions, many other performing arts and related events will be co-produced or presented by the Julian in the comfortable new space.

In addition to the Christopher Beck & Company Spring production of COMMUNITY - performed with the Clubfoot Quintet (see story), upcoming events presented at 777 Valencia include The Left Coast Cabaret's monthly political cabaret evenings (next events Sundays May 22 and June 19 -- see story back page), and a periodic series we call EARLY STAGE, produced by dancer Theresa Dickinson for The Julian. On June 10, Artists Television Access (ATA) will present a media show-installation, and several other theatre and other performing arts events are in the works.

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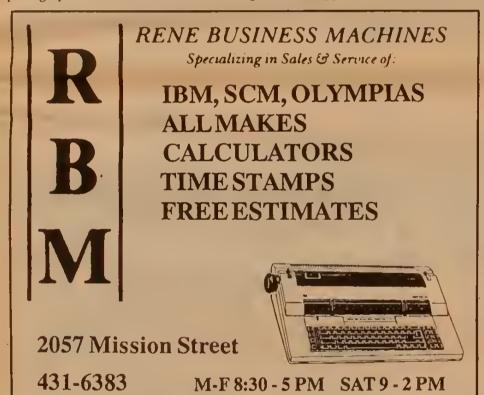
MAKING ART HISTORY: TWO BOOK REPORTS

by Michael S. Bell

Last month an unusual book was published by Eucalyptus Press at Mills College in Oakland, edited by Moira Rotb, Trefethen Professor of Art

History there. It is authored by twenty-eight women and contains interviews with as many leading female artists of this region. Many of these people live or have lived in the Mission. Included in the book are Yolanda Lopez, Pauline Oliveros and Las Mujeres Muralista. The book is called CONNECTING CONVERSATIONS, and was done under the direction of Katby Walkup by a group of ber students in the Book Art program at Mills College.

The factors making this book important to us are numerous. It is a book by and about female artists. It is very significant exploration of the personal motives and characteristics and histories existing within some of this region's best artists, known and not so well known. There are good photographs of the artists, and at long last an opportunity to read what



ney are doing with their energies and works in their own words. I found the whole project and product totally joyful and the most worthwhile art occurrence since Albright's book on the art of this area was posthumously published. The book moves from artist to artist without homogenizing content beyond recognition. In terms of the selected artists it would be difficult to improve upon their choices, which include Jo Hanson, Eleanor Dickinson, and Marie Johnson-Calloway. I was personally delighted to see the inclusion of Sas Colby and Helene Aylon, Kathan Brown and Mary Lovelace O'Neal, artists whose contributions to our lives have been vast and whose footsteps often fall in the Mission, were also given valuable space as they well deserve. In every way, this book is a must for every artist and every seriously interested scholar/student of California art. It contains surprises that debunk stereotypes, and it gives sacred insights not found elsewhere. Now, one of the places this special book has probably already landed is the second "book" report you need to read and I need to write.

The semi-edifice known as San Francisco Museum of Modern Art ought to have hung banners proclaiming the de Staebler exhibition instead of forcing everyone to turn their heads in disgust from the what's-his-name banners out there. But, museums, like most big organizations have their hearts in the right place anyway and it is about the heart of SFMMA that we need to be reminded now apropos of books.

Under the patient and skilled guidance of Genie Candau (write that name down), SFMMA has accumulated a huge and very refined collection of books, catalogues, periodicals and an artist archive of inestimable value to the history of American and Californian art. You might as well know from the start that you have to make an appointment to visit (just call 863-8800 and ask for the Library). But, the reason 1 am reporting on this Library is because there are documents in there of incredible importance to a thorough understanding of modern and contemporary art. Candau has made a unique and quiet effort over many years to collect in special interest areas. One of those areas deals with latino artists past and present. The catalogue library is immense, well organized and of great significance for anyone seeking detailed source material on just about any topic of interest in art-related humanities study. The library long ago ran out of room to do the job it wants to do, but Candau has kept everything under control in spite of space limitations. So if you are wondering what to do with your excess art book, or if you come into a collection of such publications by inheritance, or if you want to donate some money to a truly timeless cause that cuts across racial/ethnic barriers, think of Genie Candau and help us all. If it pertains to art, it needs to be offered to SFMMA's library, at least that is how some of us see things.

Soon SFMMA plans to move to larger and more prestigious quarters. One imagines that the library will be able to at least double the space it has now. For example, I estimate they have thirty four-drawer cabinets fdled to overflowing with verticle files on California and U.S. artists in alphabetical order! One such drawer holds approximately 150 files. That comes to 600 artists per cabinet and at least 18,000 individual artists in the archive! So much material on artists arrives each day that volunteers have been busy keeping up with the filing for at least the past fourteen years!

It is <u>not</u> a "public" library, but if you want to support contemporary art in a city-based museum, then join SFMMA for no other reason. The museum will grow. One even hears talk of promises to rejoin the living art of our region when more space affords more room to present exhibits. That may not be worth waiting for. But, the library and in it the book called CONNECTING CONVERSATIONS will always be worth protection. It is a positive program, so let us keep it that way.







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When you first see the windows, it has the delightful look of a Latin American trading zone. Mexican Zarapes, shoulder bags from Guatemala, weavings from Peru, and Birkenstock sandals are mixed with Yerbas Mexicanas, Muscle Weight Gain, Indian Healing Clay Facial, Aloe Vera Juice, and a sign proclaiming "Frozen Yogurt Cones".

Equally eclectic is the Clientel that walk expectantly through the door, their eyes filled with the colors of a store that proclaims itself the image of what a store in the Mission should look like. It is red and blue and Yellow and Natural wood. Many of the display cases are simple white pine boxes from local fruit and vegetable markets, tied together with sisal rope,

and filled with things involved in the care and feeding of a healthy person (bilingually).

Young 'homeboys' come in looking for "Weight Gain" powder. Latin American women of retirement age come in for herbs and special teas. Young natural looking "free people" come in to search through the wide variety of earth shoes. Every age and type of person hang around the juice bar, getting a 'vegi-dirnk', of mixed carrot, beet, parsley, and celery juices. It is an amazing scene for the Mission, and has the echo of other neighborhoods where certain businesses have created an improved image on tired streets.

But this is not one of those situations that predicts the evolution of a comfortable older neighborhood into something cute. The people who shop in Margo's store are mostly long term residents who have known about ACE-HI for the last ten years of its existence. The improvements consist of found objects that bave heen hanging around all along, just put to a slightly different use, and thereby keeping the distinct flavor of a neighborhood that bas a predominately Latin American character.

If your looking for a natural facial product, usually bard to find berbs from the American continents, vitamins, good summer sandals, or just to explore a store that is dedicated to holistic health alternatives, including a selection of Spanish language health and herb guides, then I do recommend that you check out ACE-HI. The hours are 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Saturday. The address and phone are: 2863 Mission - 647-6999. SALUD!



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A walk down Valencia Street from Market to Army is always going to be filled with surprises. This 14 block stretch of San Francisco seems to have become the proving ground for first time business operators, many of whom fail to last out the back breaking initial twelve months, so Valencia St. is perpetually awash in Grand Opening and Going Out Of Business signs. Passing through that first year barrier this month is Back To The Picture, a custom framing shop and gallery at 920 Valencia.

Back To The Picture is the result of years of hard work and savings by 30 year old owner-operator Servio Gomez. Born in the Chanlatanengo District of El Salvador, Servio, a former seminary student, immigrated to the Los Angeles area in 1978, to escape the escalating war in his home country. He found employment and training in Encino, California where he spent the next six years learning the art and economics of custom framing before moving to San Francisco in 1984.

Servio found the job market in the Bay Area less than optimal and spent a few discouraging months as a busboy at a financial district eatery before getting a job in his field. He worked for the next 3 years in a number of San Francisco framing shops until he could save and borrow enough money to open Back To The Picture on May 25, 1987.

Back To The Picture, besides custom framing, offers customers the opportunity to use the tools, materials and work space to frame their own pictures at considerable savings. The gallery aspect of the business which offers quality framed prints and original works is often plagued by too much success. "Sometimes we'll have a complete exhibit with all the walls covered. I'll have a sale and the next day we've got only two or three pictures left," says Servio. "I hope by next year to have shows representing the works of a number of local artists with receptions, press coverage and everything that makes for a quality gallery, but right now the business aspect of things keeps me and my two employees just moving too fast to put it together."

Servio also has several things to say about the Valencia St. business district and its ups and downs. He pointed out that while Valencia has less overall foot traffic than Mission St., the feel of the street is more relaxed than the more congested and hectic atmosphere on Mission. "This means less walk-in business but it makes it easier for me to provide customers with a friendly atmosphere, which besides price, is the main reason people come back to my place." He feels Valencia St. rents which were at one time fairly inexpensive have become competitive with other areas of the city, forcing many businesses out.

Servio gives no small amount of credit for his success to the very

tangible support, by virtue of customer referrals, he has received from local businesses, especially La Raza Graphics a few doors down the street and Galleria De La Raza at 24th and Bryant. He says that such referrals and, pay attention now, his ad in the North Mission News(!) have been the two most effective means of getting new customers. He adds that, "The primary thing I'm doing myself is offering people a price at least 20% lower than they'd get for the same quality work anywhere else. That's cut down on profits but it's also made it possible for me to establish the business. The satisfaction for me doesn't come from making alot of money but from being involved in something creative and being my own boss. I'd like to see Back To The Picture become a first rate gallery with a city wide reputation; that's what I'm trying to do."

For details of Back To The Picture's sale which will feature a raffle for framed Diego Rivera prints drop by 920 Valencia or give Servio a call at 826-2321. Happy Anniversary, Back To The Picture.

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Calendar of Events

- 2-17 Poster & Papers of the Anstendig Institute. City Hall, first floor, the Van Ness side.
- 4-13 Stories of Health and Illness. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission Street, S.F. Exhibition of photos of health and illness care. Call 431-6911.
- 6-29 Kennedy's Children by Robert Patrick. Climate Gallery at 252 9th Street at Folsom. Curtain time 8 PM. Tickets \$10. Reservations (415) 626-9196.
- 6-7; & 13-14 Jazz. Paul McCandless Trio & David Widelock Trio. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th Street (btwn South Van Ness & Shotwell). \$10 at door. (863-9834 for reservations) 8 PM. Wheelchair accessible.
- O7 Dick Dines Out at the Third Wave Theatre. 3316 24th Street at Mission. 8 PM & 10 PM. Advance tickets 465-0792.
- The Last Empire + Women Under Siege + The War Game. Imperial Apocalypse. ATA, 992 Valencia at 21st. 8:30 PM
- 9-30 Bay Area Theatresports performances. Members of Faultline, Fratelli Bologna, Riot Squad and many more. 8 PM. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St. \$5, 824-3220 for reservations.
- 9th; 16th & 23rd "Leninism and Today's World" Political activist Jack Kurzweil. 7:30 PM. The Book Center, 518 Valencia Street. 863-6968.
- 10 Barbara Wilson novelist will read her newest book Miss Venezuela.
 7:30. Free. Everyone welcome. Old Wives Tales, 1009 Valencia St.
- 12th & 19th "Marxism for Beginners" classes on May 12 & 19 at 7:30 PM.

 The Book Center, 518 Valencia Street. \$10 for entire series. Info
 863-6968 or 526-2926.



12th-15th; and 19th-22nd Kulintang Arts. Traditional music and dance of the southern Philippines. Sat. 8:30 PM, Sun. 7 PM. 552-8980.

New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St.

- 12th; 13th & 14th. Footwork presents 1988 Spring Series. The Ellen Bromberg Ensemble, Martin Kravitz & Terence Stark Mythos. 3221 22nd St. 8:30 PM
- 12 Etel Adnan reads from <u>Journey to Mt Tamalpais</u>. 7:30. Free. Everyone welcome. Old Wives Tales, 1009 Valencia.
- 13th & 14th. Motion Arts Company features dance theatre. 8 PM. In Flight Studios, 333 Dolores Street. Tickets: \$8. Reservation/info: 863-4758.
- 13 Legal Clinic for Gay and Lesbian Seniors. 10-12 noon. By appointment only. Info 626-7000. 1853 Market St.
- 13 Motion Arts Company, classical & modern traditions. In Flight Studios, 333 Dolores, 16th St. 8 PM Curtain. \$8 Tickets. 861-3324.
- 14 Beuys Bio + Nekes: Ulysses. 8:30. \$4. ATA, 992 Valencia.
- 14 Song of the Golden Dragon, Chinese Cindrella story performed by Bay Area Youth Opera & Voices/SF Opera Ensemble. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. \$5. 8 PM.
- 14 Legal Advice and Referral Clinic 10 AM 1 PM. Public Library, Larkin & McAllister St.
- 14 AIDS Forum 1:30 3 PM. Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka. Lawyers discuss discrimination, wills and power of attorney.
- Flea Market at Neighborhood House Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St. 10 AM 4 PM.
- 14 Extend your San Francisco Harvest Gardening workshop 10 12 PM.
 Candlestick Park Community Center & Community Garden. Free to
- SLUG member. \$5 non-members. 468-0110.

 Third Rail Benefit features poets. 2 PM. 766 Valencia St. \$4. 626-ARTS.
- Song of the Golden Dragon, Bay Area Youth Opera & Voices/SF Opera Ensemble. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. \$5. 4 PM,
- Flute and Piano Duo Recital features works by Bach, Gauber. Jolivet, Kuhlau, and Prokofiev. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. 8 PM.
- Bookparty for Dwarf Bamboo nominated for a Bay Area Book Reviewer's. 7:30 PM. Modern Times Book, 968 Valencia.
- 17 Miguel Marmol. Don't miss this rare opportunity to meet with a prominent mover and shaker in the history of the Americas. Free. Modern Times Books, 968 Valencia. 7:36 PM.
- Benefit for EPOCA (Environmental Project on Central America) Music by Montuno Street, speaker David Brower, new video and other info. 8 PM \$3-6. Komotion, 2779 16th St at Folsom.
- A Celebration of Feminist and Lesbian Culture A slide presentation of the photography of Lynda Koolish. 7:30 PM Modern times Book, 968 Valencia.
- 18 Martin Kravitz Dance "Odd Jobs at Unusual Hours". 8:30 PM. Footwork Studios, 3321 22nd St.

- 19th-22nd. Unbound Spirit, resident dance company of the Asian American Dance Collective, premiering Alonzo King. Sat. 8:30 PM. Sun 7 PM. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St.
- Sarah Schulman celebrates the publication of her new novel After Dolores. 7:30. Free. Everyone welcome. Old Wives Tales, 1009 Valencia.
- Ariel Contemporary Vocal Ensemble & Composers Chamber Players. 8:30 PM. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors & students. Community Music Center,
- Phil Deal Performance Gallery presents "City of Light". 8:30 PM on Fri. & Sat. 401 Alabama, 17th St. 552-2604 for reservations. \$7, \$5 students and seniors.
- Walking Tour of the Mission District. 1:30 PM 3 PM. \$3 general, \$1 students & seniors. No reservations necessary. 348 Precita Ave.
- Komotion Anniversary Bash + Fundraiser. \$5. 7:30 PM. Dinner + show follows. Komotion 2779 16th St.
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- Found-Footage Festival \$4. 8:30 Saturday, ATA, 992 Valencia at 21st.
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- Benefit for Plant Closures Project Music, poetry, and more. Coast Cabaret, New College, 777 Valencia near 18th St. 7 PM. \$5.
- Sexual History Authors John D'Emilio & Estelle B. Freedman. Free. 7:30 PM. Modern Times Books, 968 Valencia.
- Celebrate w/ Sbeila Ballantyne Reading and Bookparty. Free. 7:30 PM. Modern Times Books, 968 Valencia.
- Poetry + Performance Series 8 PM. \$3. Komotion, 2779 16th St.
- Biting the Hand That Leads Us: Humor and Social Change. 824-1174 or 282-3078. 8 PM. ATA, 992 Valencia St. \$1.
- Terence Stark Mythos presents PER-SE-PHO-NI. evocation of the death and rebirth of Persephone. 8:30. 5044. 3221 22nd St.
- Videos and Films by Leslie Singer. 8 PM. \$3. Artist's Television Access (ATA), 992 Valencia St. 824-3890.
- Slide Lecture \$3. \$2 Friends of the Eye. Combinging the arts and sciences: the visual media research project. Mission. 7:30 PM,
- Women in Post-Mao China Free. 7:30 PM. Modern Times Book, 968 Valencia.
- Teo's Final Spin (bullet dancing in times of war) 8 PM. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St. \$8. Group rates available.
- Jost: Angel City + New Student Works 8:30. \$4. ATA, 992 Valencia.
- Candle Magic: workshop provides introduction to theory, practice and ethics of operative magic. 12:30 - 4 PM. Cerridwen's Touch, 803 Valencia St. 647-3819.
- Women's Gathering for Older Lesbians (60+) and friends. Music, dancing, games, pool table, etc. Refreshments. 3-6 PM. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St. Bring refreshments to sbare. Free. 626-7000



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RECOLLECTIONS OF THE PAST



THE O'FARRELL PLAN

The history of Market Street became a major interest in my life when, in the twentics, I started selling newspapers. through the next thirty years I worked a number of stands in the city but the ones I liked best were on Market Street. from the location in front of the 98 Club, where the Hyatt Regency is oow, to Larkin and Market at the time of the opening of the Fox Theater, I was in touch with many events. The stand across from the heginning of Graot Avenuc, where Schwabacher-Frey used to he, was the ceoter of action in the area, but, the one at First and Market Streets, in front of the Cuoard Building, was on a most bistorical corner. In 1847 when Jasper O'Farrell laid out the plan of streets in San Francisco, he started from the shoreline of Yerba Buena Cove. The iotersection of Market, BAttery, and First Streets has a large brass plaque imbedded in the brick sidewalk, near the Donahue Monument, showing the extent of the one-time shoreline of the Cove. This is where Market Street started on its diagonal course to Mission Dolores Valley (Church and Market Streets oow), where the farms and dairies were located.

At the beginning of 1847 there were only about 400 people living here, by the end of that year the population had soared to some 700 souls. The great westward movement of Americans was now reaching the coast of California. An early Mormon party arrived here then, and went on to

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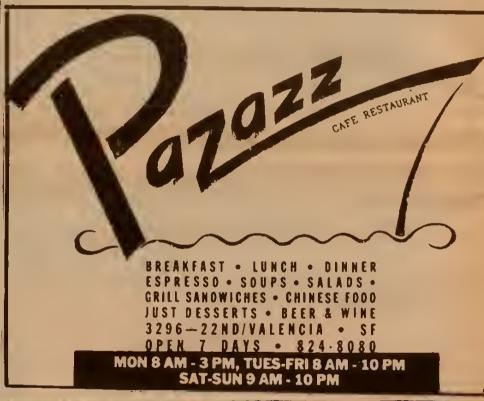
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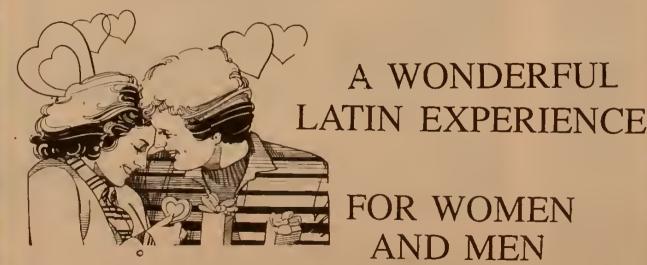


figure, importantly, in the birth of this city. Quite a few people came here by sea; one of whom was Jasper O'Farrell. An Irishman, in the employ of the British government as an expert surveyor, O'Farrell had been working in Chile, and upon his arrival in California in 1843 he was hired by the Mexican government to survey some controversial land grants in the Marin area. For ever 20 acres of land he surveyed he was paid with one acre, and in this he developed a fine rancho at San Rafael, where he made his home. In the heginning of the take-over of California from Mexico, hy Americaos, in 1846, Stephen Kearny, the first military governor, appointed lieuteoant Washingtoo Al. BArtlett of the Navy, to he the first Americao alcade of the pueblo of Yerba Buena (San Francisco). An alcade acted as sort of mayor-judge in those days. Bartlett, like other pioneers of the time, was a man of great visioo. He saw that this the obvious locatioo of an important sea coast city, so he hired O'Farrell to improve and expand on an earlier rough survey that had been made in 1839 by a Swiss seaman, Jean Vioget. Vioget bad beeo asked to make a plat, so be laid out a grid of streets on paper, bounded by what is oow as Pacific and California with Mootgomery on the shore of the cove and to the west, Dupont (Grant Aveoue). His tools were primitive, so his results were inaccurate, causing problems with property lines, becoming, by 1846, very evideot. O'Farrell stepped io, corrected Vioget, and, on paper,, laid out a large plat of streets oo the grid pattero, disregarding the hills and creating somewhat of a stir, but the grid had been found to be the most workable plan. He also used it in platting Benicia and the town of Sonoma. The extremities he set out here, Leavenworth Street on the west and Bay to the north, were comparatively simple to what he had to deal with oo the eastern limits. Here he designed whole city blocks under the shallow water of the cove, which were subdivided into "water lots" and by order of the governor were offered for sale almost immediately, because, land sales were about the only source of income for the little city.

Oo the south side of his plat he devised a oew system, making the blocks larger and the streets much wider. An advocate of wide streets, he made Market 120 feet wide, deciding that this was, indeed, going to be the main street of the city. His vision nearly got him lynched; forewarned he left town for a while to let matters cool. His argument was that be mapped the street to follow a well-used road that ran south from Portsmouth Square, along where Kearoy Street ran, and then turned southwest to go to Mission Valley. Although almost none of the property affected was



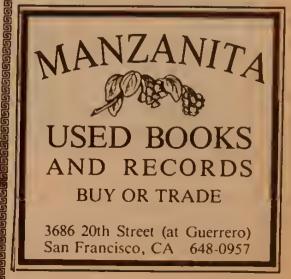
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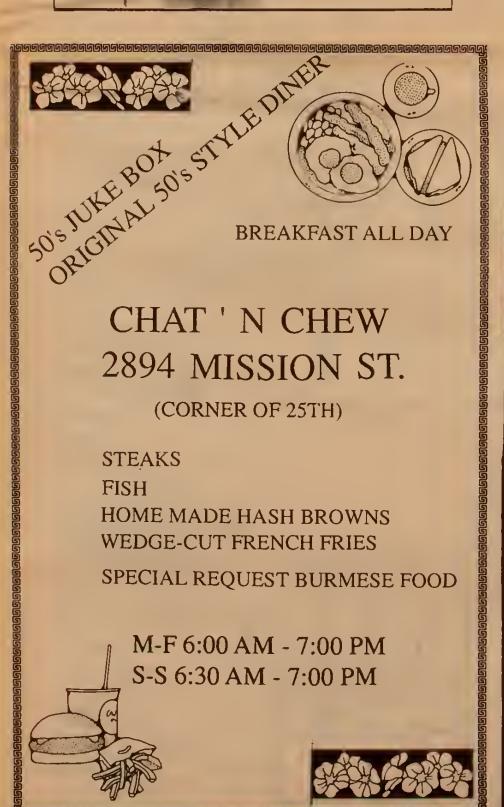


improved, the very width of the proposed street caused property owners to feel cheated. They didn't realize that in a few short years their frontages would be so valuable. Of course, the gold rush hastened the inevitable. Selim Woodworth, son of Samuel Woodworth author of the poem "The Old Oaken Bucket", had just purchased, from the Aleade, the area hounded by what is now Second, Jessic, New Montgomery, and Market Streets for \$30. He and his brother were having difficulty keeping squatters off the property and he didn't need O'Farrell's slicing off the north side of it. The next year he formed and led a group to go up to the mountains and get what was left of the Donner party out of there. During that time his brother, left alone, had to pitch a tent on the Market Street property and live there to protect Woodworth's rights.

Eventually, common sense prevailed and O'Farrell was proven to be right. This boulevard, with its large intersections and beautiful buildings is an attraction for resident and visitor alike. It is unique in the respect that it is the only "Main" street that didn't just evolve, but was planned, surveyed, and graded to be a "Main" street, and actually became one. In order to appreciate O'Farrell's achievement, one should go to the top of Twin Peaks and admire this wide swathe cutting through a busy downtown. Afterward, one can descent to Castro Street and board a #8 trolley bus and ride all the way down this broad artery, observing the people going about their various activities, as the bus passes through the different, and unique "Districts" of outer Market Street and downtown San Francisco. Other natives, like myself, agree that; you never tire of Market Street!

Jasper O'Farrell was born in Dublin in 1817, and died here in 1875. He had just finished a nightcap with a friend in a saloon on Jackson





Street, near Montgomery, when he was taken with a heart attack. 1875 was a year that saw many heart attacks, for that was the year that the Nevada silver mines flooded, Virginia City burned, San Francisco banks went broke, and the stock market sent many people to financial ruin! O'Farrell was one of this group. Although he owned a great deal of land in Sonoma and Yolo Counties, it was, for the most part, unproductive and of little value. Some years before, he had swapped his San Rafael aereage for a huge piece of land that adjoined his Sonoma property and he, then, made his home there. I am told some of his descendants still live around Sonoma.

In 1849 William Eddy, who had followed Jasper O'Farrell as town surveyor, extended the official plat of the city to include all areas from Front Street on the east, and making Larkin Street the western boundary. this was important because it set in place (at least on paper) all of the streets and their widths for future legal purposes. It would seem that the final task lay in naming these streets, not only so they could be identified, but to bestow honor on certain individuals. O'Farrell had suggested some names, but the sitting alcade had the power to approve them. George Hyde, the alcade at the time that O'Farrell was arguing for approval of his Market Street plan, probably named this controversial street after the important street in Philadelphia, where he had graduated from law school in 1842. It is interesting to note here that, as alcade of a fast growing pueblo, he found that he needed some help. The military governor granted him a six man town council, which we think of as the beginning of the Board of Supervisors. From then on, the Council, or later, the Board had final say on street names. the power was used to its greatest extent when, in 1869, the Supervisor's Committee on Out Lands approved the limits of the proposed Golden Gate Park and its panhandle. The approval was signed by; C.H. Stanyan (Chairman), A.J. Shrader, R. Beverly Cole, Monroe Ashbury, and Charles Clayton, which anyone will recognize as the names of the five streets on each side of the Panhandle west of Masonic Ave. What

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PMS AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE



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Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS) has gotten a lot of media coverage in the past few years. It's in the spotlight because of the large number of women between the ages of 20-30 which it effects.

The chief complaint of PMS sufferers is emotional instability-depression, anger, irritability, and frustration. The emotional ups and downs can be mild or severe. Reasons for the reported increase in emotional instability are not hard to find: women's changing roles and the stresses which accompany these changes; a hectic lifestyle with little time for a regular exercise program or for quiet contemplation; taxing the body with overly strenuous exercise programs; and an improper diet--to name just a

Physical symptoms of PMS include fatigue, menstrual irregularity, cramps, abdominal bloating, headaches, breast swelling or tenderness, breast lumps and water retention.

Can Traditional Chinese Medicine treat these symptoms and, in addition, can it get to the root of the problem?

The basic pattern of imbalance, according to Traditional Chinese Medicine, that manifests itself 26 PMS is "Liver Qi (Energy) Congestion." By this we mean that the energy in the Liver is obstructed rather than flowing smoothly. The Liver is viewed as an organ for storing blood and regulating blood volume; the energy which passes through the Liver should resemble that of a water sprinkler--unblocked. Thus, energy should be distributed to other parts of the body in a smooth fashion, including energy to the endocrine system.

When the Liver energy is blocked then specific herbs are used to "dredge", as we say, the Liver. Anything which harms the Liver may cause an obstruction of the flow of energy in the rest of the body. Conversely, anything which obstructs another part of the body's energy will also affect the Liver.

The Liver is also viewed as a rather "rambunctious" organ--once it is blocked the Liver energy may rise up and attack other systems, especially the digestive system, causing bloating and diarrhea.

In women the Liver QI (Energy) Congestion usually shows up in the lower abdomen, causing cramps, irregular menstruation, and bloating. The congestion may also manifest in the chest, causing breast swelling, lumps, chest tightness and frequent sighing. Or there may be a feeling of something stuck in the throat. This is called "Plum Sced Qi" because it feels like there is a plum seed stuck in the throat which cannot be coughed

As indicated above, the Liver is a "temperamental" organ. We had a saying in our family--"Don't get your Liver in an uproar!"--when someone got really angry. Likewise, in Chinese medicine, the Liver is regarded as being very affected by excess anger and frustration. In any case, the treatment is to unblock the Liver energy through acupuncture and Chinese

The acupuncture points used to free the energy will depend on the chief problems that are manifested at the time of treatment, i.e., cramps,

breast distention, edema, etc. Usually the treatments are given about a week before menstruation is due. This is the time when emotional instability and physical complaints are generally the worst. A patient will most often experience deep relaxation and a freeing of energy after the treatment.

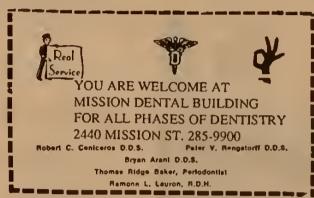
The most common herbal formula used for Liver Qi Congestion is appropriately called "Free and Easy Powder" or "Leisure Powder". There are seven ingredients in this prescription, and individual herbs can be added or subtracted to fit each woman's pattern of symptoms. (In some cases other formulas may be used if there are other complications.)

Fresh herbs, brewed into a tea are used at first. After a week or so the patient may switch to pills or powdered herbs for the next several months.

The success of Chinese medicine in treating Liver Qui Congestion is relatively high. Some modifications in diet, exercise and relaxation will definitely add to that success.

In Chinese theory, energy stagnation over a long period of time can lead to blood stagnation--which in turn can lead to the formation of neoplasms such as myomas, fibromas, ovarian cysts; or chronic pelvic inflammatory disease, endometriosis, and breast problems. Consequently, it is important to treat PMS and other types of Liver Qi Congestion in order to prevent more serious problems later in life. In fact, any imbalance should be treated when it is minor rather than waiting until it becomes a major problem.

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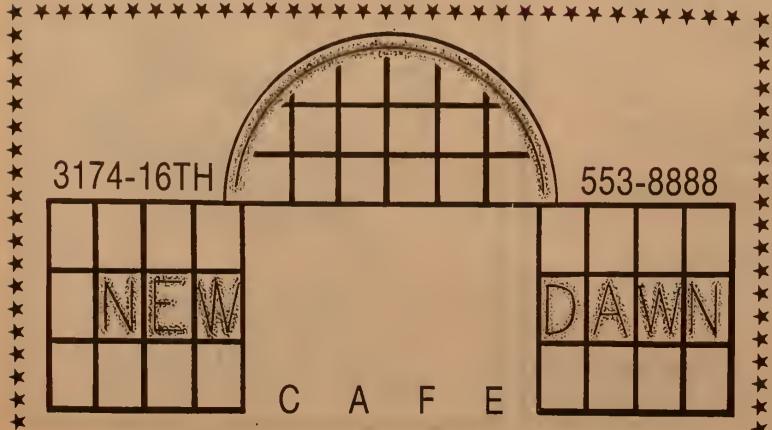
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- Who do you think you are, standing at the corner of 16th and South Van Ness? All drunked out, hassling the Chinese coolies going down the street to the garment factories? Ya punk.
- Who do you think you are being so cheap that you don't buy toilet III. paper so you make the Badd Mistake of flushing newspaper down the toilet and clogging it and then going into the kitchen and discarding some putrid rice down the drain and clogging it also. All in one morning. If there were a Baddster in there as acting landlord, you kabuttkus would be tasting cold cement on rainy nights. I'd say, "You're kabuttcus" but you're not worth the letter R.
- Just who do you think you are by attempting to sneak away a striped bass one night when I was busy messing with some fishing line and my Doberman sensed you making a Badd Mistake and tore into you? Catch your own fish. MISTAKES backfire. Now don't they? ha ha.
- Who do you think you are, coming home all bombed out drunk, knocking half the kitchen table over, puking in the fish tank, punching a hole through the sheetrock wall and your babe bringing down the man on you? Badd MISTAKE.
- Who do you think you are after letting one of my more tamer Dobes lick your face when you were drunk and when I told you that he just got done licking his genitals, you barf up the brandy I gave you right in my ashtray? That's a real Badd MISTAKE if there ever was one. Then when you came out of it, you wanted to take it out on my dog. Two Badd MISTAKES all in one, ya puke.
- VII. Who do you think you are standing at the corner of 16th & Capp Streets at 6:00 a.m. foggy clouded morning asking the Baddster if he wanted a date when all I wanted was an ale at K & H liquor? The Badd MISTAKE you did was when you were told by me, "How much money do you have," you said, "It's you who has to have the money." That's when I ordered you off the area, telling you that you're working my corner. Machismo for sale to all the neighborhood bored housewives and lonely widow. It was all a joke folks.
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Reviews

Camlelot 3000 a good version of Star Wars and the movie of the same name. 050-99 PTS.

- 2 solo Avengers at least Hawkeye and the others have their own comic book. Which is not bad at all. 2093 PTS.
 - 3 Alf a Greek Myth and part about manners very good. 10 PTS.

Recap

- 1 Tales of the Ninja Warrior. 1091 PTS.
- 2 Camlelot 3000. 1995 PTS.
- 3 Solo Avengers. 2091 PTS.
- 4 Alf. 10 PTS.
- WINNER: Tales of Ninja Warrior

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